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1. On 19 February 1952, 8,000 officers and men of the 80 Division of the 27 Army, 3 Field Army, under Division Commander HUANG Ta-ch'u (黃達初), Deputy Division Commander HO Fang (何方), and Political Commissar FENG Chien-chung (馮健中), left Amoy for Kwangtung. On 21 February these troops were transported aboard 16 large wooden junks towed by the 4 small steamers TA HAI HSING (大海星), CH'ENG HAI (澄海), CHIN PO (金波), and JUNG SHENG (榮生), which arrived at Canton at 2 p.m. On 22 February the junks returned to Amoy from Canton to pick up additional troops for Kwangtung. These troops were being concentrated at Shaho (113-19, 23-09) to await orders to be deployed along the Canton-Kowloon Railway.
2. On 17 February at 2 p.m. the large Soviet ship SHIH-TAN-LE-K'O-CHI (史丹勒克基) arrived at Yulin Harbor, Hainan, from Northeast China carrying a cargo of supplies for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The cargo included 15 T-34 tanks, 150 boxes of 60 mm shells with 5 to each box, 50 boxes of 81 mm mortar shells with 5 to each box, and gasoline, auto tires, and medical supplies. The total cargo weighed 500 tons. The following morning this ship left Yulin for Tunghsing (107-58, 21-33) and Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-46).¹

On 22 February at 8 a.m., 6 trucks were dispatched to Number 8 ammunition warehouse at Hsits'un (洗村), Shihp'ai (113-20, 23-08), to load 10,000 rifles manufactured at Hsin Nan Arsenal, 1,000 boxes of ammunition with each box containing 200 rounds, 10 x 81 mm trench mortars each weighing 129 pounds and using shells weighing 6½ pounds with a range of approximately 3,000 yards, 100 pounds of mortar shells, and 10 boxes of medical supplies with each box 3 cubic feet in size. The trucks later moved this cargo to a Canton airfield where it was loaded aboard four transport planes for shipment to Indochina via Nanning.

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On 14 February at 11:30 a.m., 3 Soviet submarines arrived at Whampoa Harbor with 25 Soviet, advisers, technicians, and instructors who were picked up by a submarine at Yingk'ou (122-13, 40-40) Base. At 2 p.m. the same day delegates from the Whampoa Naval Base headed by WANG Tso-yao (王作堯), Commander of the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters, held a meeting to welcome this group. The three submarines left Whampoa at 7:40 p.m. on the same day for

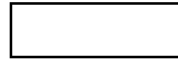
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